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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/823,119, filed on March 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,228,116, which is a file wrapper continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/472,781, filed on June 7, 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application U.S. Serial No. 08/198,651, filed on February 18, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,653,755, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 07/837,284, filed on February 18, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 07/137,871, filed on December 22, 1987, now U. S. Patent No. 5,282,856, and is related to application Serial No. 07/799,773, filed on November 27, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,383,929, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 07/325,444, filed on March 20, 1989, now abandoned, which is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 07/137,871, filed on December 22, 1987, now U.S. Patent No. 5,282,856, and further related to application Serial No. 07/325,881, filed on September 11, 1990, now U.S. Patent No. 4,955,907, which is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 07/137,871, filed on December 22, 1987, now U.S. Patent No. 5,282,856. The priority of these prior applications is expressly claimed and their disclosure are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 22 and continuing on page 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A covering for an implant may be constructed substantially of a single sheet of ePTFE as shown for example in FIG. 4 11. A single sheet of ePTFE 140 is cut so as to permit it to be wrapped around the implant 110. Projectile tongues 142 may be fastened together or may be attached to

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separate ePTFE sheets 144 and 146 which serve as cap and bottom pieces. Appropriate cuts 148 are made in the single ePTFE sheet 140 to permit stretching of the sheet in various directions.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 21 and continuing on page 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--As in FIGS. 10 and 13, a textured molded covering ~~58~~ 112 may be provided made of silicone elastomer or other suitable materials which serves to limit the force of scar contracture around the implant by disorganizing the scar tissue itself and also by compartmentalizing blood clot and collagen around the implant.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The "nested hexcel" structural pattern of FIGS. 10 and 13 is a preferred embodiment. All such hexcels are attached to or part of the same base which is a covering element of the implant. The textured covering ~~58~~ 112 may form the entirety or only a portion of the covering of the implant. The hexcel with the largest perimeter 60 in this configuration is also the tallest and delimits hexagonal pools of biologic materials and tissues at the interface between the implant and the body cavity. As scar tissue forms it is forced into concentric, nested rings of scar tissue which do not communicate freely and thus do not contribute to an integral circumferential scar capsule.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--It will be appreciated also that the molded textured covering ~~58~~ 112 above may be configured to accept a geometric shaped portion of any of the other coverings described herein. A

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piece of the woven ePTFE stretch weave cover 62, as an example, is sewn or otherwise suitably affixed to the molded covering 58 112.--